

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) An elastic tensioning cable, which is made entirely of a cross-linked, single strand of polysiloxane, said single strand having a minimum thickness of 6mm and elongation properties.

2. (Previously Presented) The cable as claimed in claim 1, in the form of an extrudate.

3. (Original) The cable as claimed in claim 1, which incorporates colored pigments.

4. (Original) The cable as claimed in claim 1, which has a circular cross section.

5. (Original) The cable as claimed in claim 4, wherein the circular cross section has a diameter of between 6 and 15 mm.

6-8. (Cancelled)

9. (Previously Presented) The cable as claimed in claim 1, in combination with a fabric and a fixed frame, which tensions said fabric with respect to said fixed frame.

10. (Canceled)

11. (Currently Amended) A cable engaged between a covering and a fixed frame which holds the covering in a tensioned position;

wherein the cable consists of a single-strand extrudate of cross-linked polysiloxane having a minimum thickness of 6mm and elongation properties.

12. (Previously Presented) The cable as claimed in claim 11, which incorporates colored pigments.

13. (Previously Presented) The cable as claimed in claim 11, which has a circular cross section.

14. (Previously Presented) The cable as claimed in claim 11, wherein the circular cross section has a diameter of between 6 and 15 mm.

15. (New) The combination of cable, fabric and fixed frame in accordance with claim 9, in the form of a swimming pool cover.

16. (New) The cable of claim 1, wherein said cross-linked polysiloxane is a product of crosslinking by peroxide and heat.

17. (New) The cable of claim 1 having an elongation at break which greater than 200%.

18. (New) The cable of claim 1 which, when undergoing an elongation of 40%, provides a force of at least 3.7 decanewtons.

19. (New) The cable of claim 1 which, when undergoing an elongation of 100%, provides a force of at least 12.75 decanewtons.

20. (New) The combination of cable, fabric and fixed frame in accordance with claim 9, which is fire resistant.